New from modernisation policy

590. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay down a new farm modernisation policy directed towards marginal and small farmers; and

(b) if so, the broad features and the main object thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) The Government have undertaken the undermentioned Central and Centrally sponsored schemes to help small and marginal farmers to modernise their agriculture:

1. Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for Increasing Agricultural Production;

2. Establishment of Farmers' Agro-Service Centres for Custom Hiring and Popularisation of Improved Agricultural Implements and Handtools;

3. Encouraging irrigation through the use of sprinklers|Drip systems|Hydrams|Water Turbines, Man|Animal operated pumps;

4. Lab-to-Land Programme;

5. Special Livestock Breeding Programme;

6. Million Wells Scheme;

7. Jaldhara.

(b) The schemes seek to assist small and marginal farmer in modernising the agriculture practices and improving productivity and production from their holdings.

Recommendations of National Pesticides Action Committee

591. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent recommendations of the National Pesticides Action Committee (NPAC) and if so, the details thereof; indicating Government's stand on each of the specific issues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the (NPAC) has made some recommendations ister on 3rd January, 1990 and explained their view point and if so, the details thereof and Government decision thereon: and

(c) whether Government are also aware that a report was presented by the Department of Science and Technology to the Government in 1987 highlighting the various consumer issues with several Recommendations and if so, the details thereof and action taken on each of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Pesticides Action Committee NPAC called or the Deputy Prime Min regarding pesticides, which are under examination by the Government.

(c) Government has received a Status report on Pesticides Residues from the Sub-Working Group of the Programme Advisory Committee, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India which are under examination.

केन्द्रीय चीनी उद्योग निगम की स्थापना किया जाना

592. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार एक केन्द्रीय चीनी उद्योग निगम की स्थापना करने का विचार

रखती है ताकि विभिन्न राज्यों में स्थित चीनी मिलों के संचालन और कार्य के बारे में एकरूपता लाई जा सके ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार इस उद्योग के संरक्षण और आधुनिकीकरण तथा इसमें व्याप्त कठिनाइयों को हल करने के लिए एक विशेष प्रकोष्ठ बनाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) इस समय मध्य प्रदेश में कुल कितनी चीनी मिलें हैं तथा उनमें से कितनी कितनी सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में तथा निजी क्षेत्र में हैं ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम पूजन पटेल) : (क) जी, नहीं । कोई केन्द्रीय चीनी उद्योग निगम स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं । कोई विशेष प्रकोष्ठ स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । तथापि, चीनी नीति तैयार करते समय चीनी उद्योग की समस्याओं को हमेशा ध्यान में रखा जाता है । इसके अतिरिक्त, गन्ने का विकास करने और आधुनिकीकरण करने के लिए चीनी मिलों को चीनी विकास निधि से सुगम शर्तों पर वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है ।

(घ) इस समय मध्य प्रदेश में 8 चीनी मिलें हैं जिनमें से एक सरकारी क्षेत्र में, चार निजी क्षेत्र में और शेष तीन चीनी मिलें सहकारी क्षेत्र में हैं ।

Proposal to start "New Palace on Wheels

593. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a New Palace on Wheels in order to make up losses from the first one and to losses of the Railways as reported in Times of India of 6th March, 1990;

(b) whether the fares of this train also is likely to go up in time with the recent hike in rail fares;

(c) the number of passengers who were booked by the first Palace on Wheels since its first run indicating revenue earned and real expenditure incurred including all investments|staff year-wise; and

(d) whether this train would cater to the special needs of the Socialist Bloc of European nations whereas the earlier version catered to the people of British descent?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A new rake of 'Palace on Wheels' is being fabricated to replace the existing one as it has out-lived its life.

(b) The fares of 'Palace on Wheels' have been revised for the season 1990-91.

(c) The year-wise details regarding number of passengers booked. Railway's direct cost as well as fully distributed cost and share of net earnings are given below:

Particulars	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
No. of passengers	1056	967	783	1102	1375	1747	2212
					(Rs. in lakhs)		
Direct Cost .	57.40	63.02	60.39	76.72	70.80	77.52	81.44
Fully Distributed cost . .	78.01	90.81	85.28	110.69	101.25	113.76	128.82
Earnings . .	35.66	43.15	35.73	47.24	65.00	91.25	121.80